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INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

OF

EASTERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS INCORPORATED

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None

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None

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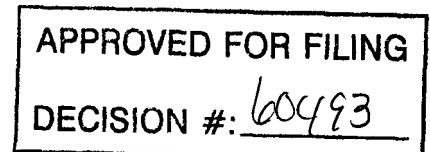
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Application of Tariff

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SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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Authorized User - A person, firm, corporation, or any other entity authorized by the Customer to communicate utilizing the Carrier's service.

Customer - The person, firm, corporation or other entity which orders, cancels, amends or uses service and is responsible for payment of charges and compliance with the Company's tariff.

Company or Carrier - Eastern Telecommunications Incorporated unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context.

Commission - The Arizona Corporation Commission.

ETI- Refers to Eastern Telecommunications Incorporated

LEC - Local Exchange Company

Switched Access Origination/Termination - Where originating or terminating access between the Customer and the interexchange carrier is provided on local exchange company Feature Group circuits. The cost of switched Feature Group access is billed to the interexchange carrier.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

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2.1 Undertaking of ETI

ETI's services and facilities are furnished for communications originating at specified points within the state of Arizona under terms of this tariff.

ETI provides service in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this tariff. ETI may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities, when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to the ETI network. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement.

The Company's services and facilities are provided on a monthly basis unless otherwise provided, and are available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

2.2 Limitations

- 2.2.1 Service is offered subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and equipment, or both facilities and equipment, and subject to the provisions of this tariff.
- 2.2.2 ETI reserves the right to discontinue or limit service when necessitated by conditions beyond its control, or when the Customer is using service in violation of provisions of this tariff, or in violation of the law.
- 2.2.3 The Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its facilities when available, and will not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.

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2.2 Limitations (cont'd.)

2.2.4 All facilities provided under this tariff are directly or indirectly controlled by ETI and the Customer may not transfer or assign the use of service or facilities without the express written consent of the Company. Such transfer or assignment shall only apply where there is no interruption of the use or location of the service or facilities.

2.2.5 Prior written permission from the Company is required before any assignment or transfer. All regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to all such permitted assignees or transferees, as well as all conditions of service.

2.3 Use

Services provided under this tariff may be used for any lawful purpose for which the service is technically suited.

2.4 Liabilities of the Company

2.4.1 ETI's liability for damages arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission which occur in the course of furnishing service or facilities, in no event shall exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the Customer for the period during which the faults in transmission occur.

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2.4 Liabilities of Company (con't)

- 2.4.2 The Company shall not be liable for claim or loss, expense or damage (including indirect, special or consequential damage), for any interruption, delay, error, omission, **or** defect in any service, facility or transmission provided under this tariff, if caused by any person or entity other than the Company, by any malfunction of any service or facility provided by any other carrier, by an act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, or act of government, or by any other cause beyond the Company's direct control.
- 2.4.3 The Company shall not be liable for, and shall be fully indemnified and held harmless by Customer against any claim or loss, expense, or damage (including indirect, special or consequential damage) for defamation, libel, slander, invasion, infringement of copyright or patent, unauthorized use of any trademark, tradename or service mark, unfair competition, interference with or misappropriation or violation of **any** contract, proprietary or creative right, or any other injury to any person, property or entity arising out of the material, data, information, or other content revealed to, transmitted, or used by the Company under this tariff; or for any act or omission of the Customer; or for any personal injury or death of any person caused directly or indirectly by the installation, maintenance, location, condition, operation, failure, presence, use or removal of equipment or wiring provided by the Company, if not directly caused by negligence of the Company.
- 2.4.5 The Company shall not be liable for any defacement of or damages to the premises of a Customer resulting from the furnishing of service which is not the direct result of the Company's negligence.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CON'T)**ORIGINAL****2.5 Deposits**

The Company does not collect customer deposits.

2.6 Taxes

All state and local taxes (i.e., gross receipts tax, sales tax, municipal utilities tax) are listed as separate line items and are not included in the quoted rates.

2.7 Terminal Equipment

The Company's facilities and service may be used with or terminated in Customer-provided terminal equipment or Customer-provided communications systems, such as a PBX, key system or single line telephone. Such terminal equipment shall be furnished and maintained at the expense of the Customer, except as otherwise provided. The Customer is responsible for all costs at his or her premises, including personnel, wiring, electrical power, and the like, incurred in the use of the Company's service. When such terminal equipment is used, the equipment shall comply with the generally accepted minimum protective criteria standards of the telecommunications industry as endorsed by the Federal Communications Commission.

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2.8 Installation and Termination

Service is installed upon mutual agreement between the Customer and the Company. The service agreement does not alter rates specified in this tariff.

2.9 Payment for Service

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services and equipment furnished to the Customer or to an Authorized User of the Customer by ETI. All charges due by the Customer are payable to the Company or to any agency duly authorized to receive such payments. Terms of payment shall be subject to the rules of regulatory agencies, such as the Arizona Corporation Commission. Any objections to billed charges must be promptly reported to the Company or the Company's billing agent. Adjustments to Customer's bills shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.

2.9.1 Late Payment Fee

The Company charges a late fee of 5% of the outstanding amount.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT)**ORIGINAL****2.10 Cancellation by Customer**

Customer may cancel service by providing 30 days written or verbal notice to the Company.

2.11 Refusal or Discontinuance by Company

ETI may refuse or discontinue service under the following conditions provided that, unless otherwise stated, the Customer shall be given 60 days notice to **comply** with any rule or remedy any deficiency:

- (a) For non-compliance with or violation of any State, municipal, or Federal law, ordinance or regulation pertaining to telephone service.
- (b) For use of telephone service for any other property or purpose than that described in the application.
- (c) For neglect or refusal to provide reasonable access to **ETI** or its agents for the purpose of inspection and maintenance of equipment owned by **ETI** or its agents.
- (d) For noncompliance with or violation of Commission regulation or **ETI's** rules and regulations on file with the Commission, provided five (5) days' written notice is given before termination.
- (e) For nonpayment of bills, provided that suspension or termination of service shall not be made without five (5) days written notice to the Customer. In extreme cases written notice to the Customer shall be made within two (2) days.
- (f) Without notice in the event of Customer or Authorized User use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect **ETI's** equipment or service to others.
- (g) Without notice in the event of tampering with the equipment or services owned by **ETI** or its agents.

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2.11 Refusal or Discontinuance by Company (con't)

- (h) Without notice in the event of unauthorized or fraudulent use of service. Whenever service is discontinued for fraudulent use of service, ETI may, before restoring service, require the Customer to make, at his or her own expense, all changes in facilities or equipment necessary to eliminate illegal use and to pay an amount reasonably estimated as the loss in revenues resulting from such fraudulent use.
- (I) Without notice by reason of any order or decision of a court or other government authority having jurisdiction which prohibits Carrier from furnishing such services.

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2.12 Credit Allowances for Interruption of Service

Credit allowances for interruptions of service caused by service outages or deficiencies are limited to the initial minimum period call charges for re-establishing the interrupted call.

2.13 Inspection, Testing and Adjustment

Upon reasonable notice, the facilities provided by the Carrier shall be made available to the Carrier for tests and adjustments as may be deemed necessary by the Carrier for maintenance. No interruption allowance will be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made.

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2.14 Tests, Pilots, Promotional Campaigns and Contests

The Carrier may conduct special tests or pilot programs and promotions at its discretion to demonstrate the ease of use, quality of service and to promote the sale of its services. The Carrier may also waive a portion or all processing fees or installation fees for winner of contests and other occasional promotional events sponsored or endorsed by the Carrier. From time to time the Company may waive all processing fees for a Customer. All promotions will be filed with the Commission fourteen (14) days prior to the promotion going into effect.

2.15 Interconnection

Service furnished by ETI may be connected with the services or facilities of other carriers. Such service or facilities are provided under the terms, rates and conditions of the other carrier. The Customer is responsible for all charges billed by other carriers for use in connection with ETI's service. Any special interface equipment or facilities necessary to achieve compatibility between carriers is the responsibility of the Customer.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

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3.1 General

ETI will provide direct dial interexchange, directory assistance and travel card telecommunications services within the state of Arizona. Communications may also terminate to other points within the United States.

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3.2 Calculation of Distance

Usage charges for mileage sensitive products are based on the airline distance between the serving wire center locations associated with the originating and terminating points of the call.

The distance between the originating and terminating points is calculated by using the "V" and "H" coordinates of the serving wire centers as defined by BellCore (Bell Communications Research), in the following manner:

Step 1 • Obtain the "V" and "H" coordinates for the serving wire center of the Customer's switch and the destination point.

Step 2 - Obtain the difference between the "V" coordinates of each of the Rate Centers. Obtain the Difference between the "H" coordinates.

Step 3 - Square the differences obtained in Step 2.

Step 4 - Add the squares of the "V" difference and "H" difference obtained in Step 3.

Step 5 • Divide the sum of the square obtained in Step 4 by ten (10). Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction results from the division.

Step 6 • Obtain the square root of the whole number obtained in Step 5. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained. This is the distance between the originating and terminating serving wire centers of the call.

Formula:

$$\sqrt{\frac{(V_1 - V_2)^2 + (H_1 - H_2)^2}{10}}$$

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3.3 Timing of Calls

- 3.3.1 Long distance usage charges are based on usage of **ETI's** network. Chargeable time begins when a connection is established between the calling station and the called station. Chargeable time ends when either party "hangs up" thereby releasing the network connection.
- 3.3.2 Minimum call duration and usage measurement and rounding for billing purposes is specified on **per-product** basis in Section 3.4 of this tariff.
- 3.3.3 There is no billing applied for incomplete calls.

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3.4 Service Offerings

3.4.1 Direct Dial Service

Direct Dial Service is available to business and residential Customers for direct dial calling from **presubscribed** telephones. There is no minimum commitment required. Calls are billed in six (6) second increments after the initial minimum period of eighteen (18) seconds. In addition to **usage-**based charges, Customers are billed a \$5.00 per month service charge.

3.4.2 Travel Card Service

ETI'S Travel Card Service permits Customers to make calls using **ETI'S** service when traveling away from the home or office. Customers must dial an access code and personal identification digits to make a call. Calls are billed in six (6) second increments with an initial minimum period of eighteen (18) seconds. A per-call surcharge is added to the usage-based charges.

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3.4 Service Offerings, (cont'd.)

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3.4.3 Directory Assistance

A Long Distance Directory Assistance charge applies to each call to the Directory Assistance Bureau utilizing the services of the Company. Up to two requests may be made on each call to Directory Assistance. The Directory Assistance charge applies to each call regardless of whether the Directory Assistance Bureau is able to furnish the requested telephone number. Directory Assistance charges are not discounted and will not count toward, nor be calculated as part of any ETI rate plan.

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SECTION 4 - RATES

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4.1 Time of Day Rate Schedule

The appropriate rates apply for day, evening and night/weekend calls based on the following chart.

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM*	DAYTIME RATE PERIOD						
5:00 PM TO 11:00 PM*	EVENING RATE PERIOD						EVE
11:00 PM TO 8:00 AM*	NIGHT/WEEKEND RATE PERIOD						

* to, but not including

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SECTION 4 - RATES, (CONT'D.)

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4.2 ETI Service Rates

4.2.1 Direct Dial 1+ Service

Calls are billed in six (6) second increments after the initial minimum period of eighteen (18) seconds. In addition to usage-based charges, Customers are billed a \$5.00 per month service charge.

Mileage	DAYTIME		EVENING		NIGHT/WEEKEND	
	Initial 18 Sec.	Add'1 6 Sec.	Initial 18 Sec.	Add'1 6 Sec.	Initial 18 Sec.	Add'1 6 Sec.
All Miles	.1080	.0259	.0864	.0206	.0864	.0206

4.2.2 Travel Card Service

Calls are billed in six (6) second increments with an initial minimum period of eighteen (18) seconds. In addition, the Customer is charged a per call surcharge.

Mileage	DAYTIME		EVENING		NIGHT/WEEKEND	
	Initial 18 Sec.	Add'1 6 Sec.	Initial 18 Sec.	Add'1 6 Sec.	Initial 18 Sec.	Add'1 6 Sec.
All Miles	.1344	.0322	.1075	.0256	.1075	.0256

Per Call Surcharge-- \$.42

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4.2 ETI Service Rates

4.2.3 Directory Assistance

Directory Assistance is available to Customers of ETI Switched Network Service, and Travel Card Service. Directory Assistance charge applies to each call to the Directory Assistance Bureau. Up to two requests may be made on each call to Directory Assistance. The Directory Assistance charge applies to each call regardless of whether the Directory Assistance Bureau is able to furnish the requested telephone number.

Per Call Charge: \$.60

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